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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant :	Wanda A. Cromlish	.	.
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For :	HUMAN CYLOOXYGENASE-2 CDNA AND	.	Examiner
	ASSAYS FOR EVALUATING CYCLOOXY-	.	Rao, Manjunathn N
	GENASE-2 ACTIVITY	.	

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Advisory Action mailed December 7, 2005, indicating that applicants Amendment After Final Rejection and Communication dated November 8, 2005 raised new issues and was accordingly, not entered. Consideration of Applicants Claims and Drawings is requested. On the attached Transmittal letter, Applicants have authorized the Office to charge the Merck Deposit account number 13-2755 for this RCE and any Extension of time fees not previously charged. Any additional fees required in connection with this response may be taken from Merck Deposit account number 13-2755. Applicants also point out that recent communications from the Patent Office have been sent to the wrong address. This will be discussed further under REMARKS.

Amendments to the Claims begin at page 2 of this Response.

Amendments to the Drawings begin at page 8 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this Response.